THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a Yes, Sir. except at Nalgonda.

(b) The daily average sale of tickets has dropped from 212 to 80 at Guntur, from 55 to 4 at Sattenapalli from 11 to 6 at Miryalaguda. At Nalgonda, the sale of tickets increased from 7 to 10 per day. This has been re-examined. Since there is no drop in through passengers, it is not desirable to alter the existing schedule of the train.

Introduction of Rajdhani Express Type Superfast Train to State Capitals

349. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce Rajdhani Express type Superfast trains to every State capital; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the trains proposed to be introduced in the current financial year and also in the remaining years of the Eighth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) At present a proposal for introduction of Rajdhani Express between Nizamuddin and Madras during the next Financial year is under active consideration.

Changes in policy of Manufacture of Railway Wagons

350. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government contemplate to effect some changes in respect of policy of manufacture of railway wagons;

(b) whether these proposed changes would affect the viability of wagons manufacturing engineering industries under Public sector, located mainly in Eastern Region of the country and also the economy and employment scenario of the Eastern Region; and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take so that economy and employment avenues of the Eastern Region are protested and engineering PSUs of the area remain visible?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c Do not arise.

Railway Accidents

351. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several railway accidents have taken place during the past one year in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the losses suffered in both human lives and properties;

(c) whether responsibility has been fixed in each case; and

(d) steps taken to minimise such accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the financial year 1991-92, 530 train accidents occurred over all Indian Railways which is inclusive of 30 collisions, 444 derailments, 47 level crossing gate accidents and 9 cases of fire in trains. As a result of these accidents, 229 pesrons lost their lives, 884 were injured and the cost of damage to railway property has been assessed as Rs. 25.40 crores.

(c) Each and every accident is inquired into and based on the out-

come of the inquiry report, disciplinary action is taken against staff found responsible.

(d) Some of the steps taken to reduce accidents are as under —

(i) Induction of technical devices to aid the human element;

(ii) Continuing emphasis on renewal and rehabilitation of over-aged assets, particularly track, bridges and rolling stock.

(iii) Improvement in quality of out-turn from the workshops.

(iv) Intensive inspections of telecom gears, maintenance depots of coaches, wagons and locomotives.

(v) Monitoring the performance of the staff of the critical safety categories such as drivers, guards, station masters, etc.

(vi) Intensive training of staff in operational categories.

(vii) Surprise checks against carriage of inflammable explosives material in passenger trains.

(viii) Provision of whistle boards, speed breakers and road signs at the approaches of unmanned level crossings and improving visibility for road users and train drivers.

(ix) Educative campaigns through public media including Doordarshan and Radio to educate road users on the precautions to be taken at level crossings.

(x) Joint checks in coordination with the State Govts. to enfroce provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act.

Linking of Hissar with Delhi and Chandigarh broad-gauge Line

352. SHRI RAMJI LAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hissar in Haryana has been linked with Delhi and Chandigarh by a broad-gauge line;

(b) if so, the names of super fast trains run on this route;

(c) if the reply to part (a) be in the negative, whether Government propose to link Hissar City with the Capital;

(d) if so, by when;

(e) the funds allocated by Government during the Eighth Plan for this purpose; and

(f) wheher the finances for this linkage are to be funded by World Bank?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir, via Dhuri and Rajpura as well as via Narwana and Kurukshetra.

(b) None.

(c) to (f) Do not arise.

क्षेत्रीय (जोनल) रेल समय-सारणी का प्रकाशन

353. **श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मीम अफजल** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 1991–92 में रेलवे की जोनवार समय-सारणी का प्रकाशन किन-किन भाषाओं में किया गया है ; और

(ख) प्रत्येक भाषा में प्रकाशित की गई समय-सारणी की प्रतियों की संख्या का जोनवार ब्यौरा क्या है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० सी० लंका) : (क) और (ख) सूचना इकट्ठी की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।